

# KRAB KRONICLE

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### Precision

Tech. Sgt. Don West, 303rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron weapons crew, prepares to arm-up an A-10 prior to a mission June 15. The A-10 unit, a detachment from the 407th Air Expeditionary Group, Tallil Air Base, Iraq, has been tasked to provide close air patrol/support to coalition forces throughout northern Iraq.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Lee A. Osberry Jr.

## EMEDS - Just what the doctor ordered

By Senior Airman Shawn J. Franklin  
Contributing Writer

Is there a doctor in the house? As a matter of fact the 506th Expeditionary Medical Squadron is stocked full of them, along with their assistants and technicians.

EMEDS has been busy over the past couple of months providing medical support for the base populace as well as the community of Kirkuk.

The team has been able to achieve many goals by pro-

viding a medical clinic, trauma unit, operating room, routine dental clinic, public health clinic and bio-environmental office.

EMEDS also is responsible for distributing anti-malaria pills and performing inspections for the dining hall and base pool.

EMEDS services however have not been just limited to Kirkuk Air Base.

The trauma team has been instrumental in assisting with injuries to Iraqi Enemy Prisoners of War, who were detained by coalition forces; the team also

has treated medical evacuation patients being flown into the base.

Recently, members of the EMEDS participated in a humanitarian aid program that spanned over four days, treating more than 4,500 Iraqi civilians, providing them with vaccinations and various medical treatments, to include surgeries for some civilians who may have been injured during the war.

EMEDS teams also were able to train and assist some of the Iraqi doctors who were prevented from learn-

ing new technology for years under the influence of Saddam Hussein's regime. They also provided the Iraqi doctors with a training seminar on severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS.

Lt. Col. Joanne McPherson, commander of 506th EMEDS said she feels their efforts in the Kirkuk community were welcomed.

"Their doctors were very eager to learn and the civilians were very excited we were there," she said

The EMEDS is now operating out of four facilities  
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**EMEDS from Page 1** throughout the base. A clinic tent, operating room, public health office and another office.

The medical team isn't lacking anything; they are now providing service to an average of 18 patients per day.

However, the relocation to Tent City is contingent on the access of full communication and a 911 emergency line.

"Although spread out all over base, we've been able to function as a complete entity. We've been able to respond, and the team I have is great, I'm very proud," McPherson said.

Looks like Kirkuk has just what the doctor ordered.

## Ten Days From Tomorrow -- TDFT

**Editors Note:** The votes are in! A big thanks goes out to everyone who voted. The response was a little overwhelming, with more than 200 votes from Kirkuk Air Base personnel.

As for the new name for our new home, Ten Days From Tomorrow definitely has quite a meaning. As many of you know, the building of tent city may have seemed like

it took forever, yet the standard answer to "when it would be finished," was "only about 10 days." And as all of us know, tomorrow never comes. Hence the name, Ten Days From Tomorrow.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Daniello, 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, submitted the name and 42 votes for it came in before the deadline.

## Group Monthly Award Winners

The following personnel were selected as the monthly award winners for Kirkuk Air Base for May.

### Airman of the Month

Airman 1st Class John Stacey  
506th Air Expeditionary Group Contracting

### Office NCO of the Month

Tech. Sgt. Michael Campbell  
506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

### Senior NCO of the Month

Master Sgt. Miles Farragut

506th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron

### Company Grade Officer of the Month

Capt. Jesse Hedge  
506th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron



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## Short-tour credit authorized for contingency deployments overseas

By Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

A temporary exception to policy will award permanent change-of-station short-tour credit to many airmen deployed overseas for recent contingency operations, according to Air Force Personnel officials at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Eligible airmen must have been on temporary duty starting on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for at least 181 consecutive days at an overseas location designated as a hostile-fire or imminent-danger pay area.

This credit is intended to reduce the chances of people being sent as non-volunteers to an unaccompanied short tour soon after a prolonged contingency deployment, officials said.

The change is an exception to current policy, which only authorizes

short-tour credit for airmen accumulating 300 or more days on TDY overseas during an 18-month period.

This exception is not without precedent. During operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, an exception was approved to authorize short-tour credit to people who deployed for at least 181 consecutive days from Aug. 1, 1990, to June 10, 1991.

Airmen are responsible for requesting short-tour credit through the military personnel flight's personnel employment element at their permanent duty station.

The TDY travel voucher must be completed before airmen can apply for credit.

The paid voucher will be the source document used to verify the dates of the deployment and if the location qualified for payment of hostile-fire or imminent-danger pay.

# INSIDE THE WIRE

## News briefs

### Bar Building

The Junkyard Bar Wars are scheduled for Friday beginning at 8 a.m. in front of the Cantina. Teams of four will have 10 hours to build the structure to specifications. The winners will be able to select the best "real estate" location for their squadron bar. Come cheer on your team

### Tent City Council

Tent city council meetings are held every Thursday in Tent A-11. All residents are encouraged to attend.

### Mail Box

There is now a mailbox in tent city by the lodging office, Tent C-18. Mail is picked up at noon daily.

### Promotions

The monthly promotion ceremony is scheduled for June 30 at 9 a.m. at the base theater. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### Dining Facility

The Air Force dining facility is open for breakfast from 5 to 8 a.m. and dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. and is located near the BX clamshell in tent city.

### Base Pool

The pool is now open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Swimming hours are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Rec Center

The Recreation Center is located at the pool and is open 24 hours a day. The center has:

- 13 morale computers;
- 5 morale phones -- one

15-minute call per week;

- Big screen TV room with sporting events and news;
- Book swap program;
- Care packages available for people to grab and go;
- Board games, cards, dominoes.

### Ration Issue

The ration issue operation is located near the dining facility. A squadron representative should be assigned within each respective unit. Pick up times are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Issued items are MREs, water, cereal, white and chocolate milk, and juice.

### Sky Soldier Theater

The 506th Expeditionary Services Squadron has recently taken over operations at the Sky Soldier Theater. The theater is located next to the post office and movies are shown daily at 4, 7 and 9 p.m. Insect repellent is highly recommended.

### Legal Office

The legal office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. Walk-in hours for legal assistance are from 10 a.m. to noon every day. Telephone number: 460-0117 or 460-0118.

### Vaccinations

Small Pox and Anthrax vaccinations are given every Friday from 7 a.m. to noon in the courtyard. Bring shot records or immunization print out.

### Right Start

The Right Start briefings are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. at the courtyard.

### Contracting

The contracting office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is located left of Gate 1.

### CE hours

CE's customer service hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. They are located in the north wing of the courtyard building, last door on the right. Go through your designated facility managers and have them submit job order requests to the customer service office.

### Finance

Finance office hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. They are located with contracting in the building by Gate 1. Check-cashing limit is \$200 per week. They also can

assist with accrual travel vouchers, Savings Deposit Program, and allotment changes. On paydays, they can provide members their pay amounts, however, they do not provide LESSs. Call 460-0866 for more information

### Laundry

The 24-hour drop-off and pick-up point for laundry is at the lodging desk in Hangar 1. Laundry must be in a bag and will be returned in about four days.

### Thrift Savings Plan

The current Thrift Savings Plan enrollment period ends June 30. The finance office can assist with initial enrollments and contribution percentage changes only. Any other TSP actions (i.e. fund-type changes) must be completed via the TSP Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov/index.htm>. Stop by or call the finance office at 460-0866.

## Chapel Schedule

### Saturday

7 p.m. Catholic Mass

### Sunday

8 a.m. Protestant/Gospel Service

10 a.m. Protestant Service

11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass

2 p.m. Catholic Mass (Sky Soldiers Chapel)

7 p.m. Protestant Service

### Monday

7 p.m. Catholic Video

Pres./Class

### Tuesday

6 a.m. Bible Study -- Book of Romans

### Wednesday\*

7 p.m. Bible Study -- Book of Daniel

### Thursday

7 p.m. Video Studies on Creation/Evolution

### Friday\*

7 p.m. Bible Study -- Book of Daniel

All services are held at Tent A-12 which is the temporary chapel tent.

\* Times are subject to change based on mission requirements.



## PERSPECTIVE

# Developing A New Appreciation

By Master Sgt. Debra L. Nelson  
506th Expeditionary  
Operational Support  
Squadron

When I left Tinker Air Force Base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, I was told I would be going to a "bare base." Since I have never deployed to a bare base, I had no idea what to expect.

After a short layover at Moron, Spain, followed by a couple weeks at an unreleasable desert location in Southwest Asia, I arrived at lovely Kirkuk by the sea. I thought the living conditions at the previous two locations were rough, but boy, was Kirkuk a rude awakening. I now had an immediate and thorough understanding of the phrase "bare-base."

When I arrived on the evening of April 21, Kirkuk was not even what I would describe as a base. My team and I arrived in complete

darkness, and when we walked off the back of the C-130 with our weapons, we got a peek of the numerous fires in the background and we heard the sound of explosions.

We slowly, and directly, walked to the existing Iraqi control tower, which became our new home. The building was filthy, the windows were broken, and the stench was almost too much to take.

When the sun came up the next day, reality hit us. We had no electricity, no running water, and our means to relieve ourselves was a metal barrel out in the open. We had no means to phone home and we were all a bit shocked with our new environment.

It wasn't pretty and all those little things I always took for granted at home started whirling around in my cranium like a swarm of bees.

I have been here now for about eight weeks and have

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**Master Sgt. Debra L. Nelson**  
Tower Control  
Superintendent

discovered a new appreciation for some of those little things I took for granted at home. For instance, hot showers, clean, running water, a kitchen, microwaves, televisions, radios, electricity, hot meals, air conditioners, washers and dryers, and last but not least, a clean toilet that flushes!

My stay here at Kirkuk Air Base has enlightened me and I have gained a new respect for the little things that we as Americans enjoy every day that we don't give

any thought.

The living conditions now are 100 percent better than they were eight weeks ago, and this place gets a little bit better every day. I can attest that this deployment has provided many challenges, none of which we could not adapt to or overcome.

My unit has adopted my motto, "Embrace the Suck," as a battle cry and testament to the fact that anything worth doing normally isn't easy. We are all core members of the best air and space fighting force in the history of mankind.

So lets "Embrace the Suck" and make a difference here so we can stabilize Iraq so freedom can flourish and peace can prevail.

This deployment has opened my eyes to a new appreciation for the luxuries our freedom ensures and reminds me of one of our nation's most profound ideologies ... that "freedom isn't free."

## Dear Krabby

Dear Krabby,

I have noticed that every time I use the latrines that there is dribble all over. Why can't people wipe up after themselves?

Tired of Wet Seats

Dear Tired,

I can sympathize with you since I

grew up with two brothers. Dear Krabby believes this is part of the male gene pattern and may be uncontrollable. Public Health has placed directions for latrine use in all the latrines. But, since we women know that men never ask for directions, I suspect that the men are not reading the posted flyers. I will suggest to Public Health that they place the flyer into a folder that has the cover of a favorite men's magazine on it since men usually say they buy this magazine to read the articles,

not for the pictures. On the bright side, at least there is no toilet seat to be left up! And for all the women who prefer the hover technique, if you happen to accidentally dribble, be courteous and wipe up.

In the meantime, everyone please follow the Public Health directives and wipe the seat after each use. And don't forget to wash your hands!

(To submit a question to Dear Krabby, e-mail 506AEG.publicaffairs@krab.aorcentaf.af.mil.)

# NEWS



Photo by Staff Sgt. James A. Williams

## Bring it on

**Tech. Sgt. Michael Land of the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron's explosive ordnance disposal team guides a forklift into a demolition pit on the range June 15. The team disposed of five separate 1,500-pound pits by placing 110 pounds of C-4 on each set.**

## EOD Ordnance Item of the Week

**Anti-personnel landmines** -- These are mines that have been made to disable or kill troops. They come in various shapes and sizes, as well as colors. They are easily setup with booby-traps and can be very sensitive to changes made around them.

If found, do not disturb. Contact EOD immediately at 460-0903 or 460-0904. (Courtesy of 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron)



## Burden of responsibility belongs to all when dealing with safety

As supervisors, officers and NCOs, we have the responsibility to ensure the safety of our personnel, yet we all have a personal responsibility for what goes on around us.

Although each supervisor must evaluate the mission or task at hand and weigh the risks versus getting the job done late or incomplete, no one involved should leave that to the supervisor alone.

Taking an active role in getting the job done without injury or damage is a neces-

sity for all. It's a team effort. Here's an excerpt of a poem by Don Merrel that vividly reinforces the principle of responsibility.

*"But I didn't want to seem a fool,*

*Or argue over a safety rule.*

*I knew he'd done the job before,*

*If I called it wrong, he might get sore.*

*The chances didn't seem that bad,*

*I've done the same. He knew I had.*

*So I shook my head and walked on by,*

*He knew the risks as well as I.*

*He took the chance. I closed my eye.*

*And with that act, I let him die.*

*I could have saved a life that day,*

*But I chose to look the other way.*

*If you see a risk that others take,*

*That puts their health or life at stake.*

*The question asked, or*

*thing you say,*

*Could help them live another day.*

*If you see a risk and walk away,*

*Then hope you never have to say,*

*I could have saved a life that day,*

*But I chose to look the other way."*

More lives have been lost in accidents than in combat during war since the Korean conflict.

(Courtesy of the Safety Office.)



## NEWS

# Wounded in Action

By Sgt. 1st Class Todd G. Oliver  
173rd Airborne Brigade  
Public Affairs

Four 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne) soldiers were injured late Sunday night when the vehicle they were traveling in drove through an ambush during the first hours of Operation Peninsula Strike.

None of the injuries were life threatening and all injured soldiers are expected to make full recoveries.

Specialists Tamer Hassanien, Kobie Johnson and John Oldenburg all sustained non-life threatening wounds to the arms. Pfc. James Volpe was treated and released back to his unit.

"We took the point last night and departed with a non-tactical vehicle and a humvee in the lead," said 1st Lt. Willard Barron, scout platoon leader.

"We passed two traffic control points on the way," Barron said. "As we continued the march, we were about 400 meters from another traffic control point when a call came over the radio to maintain a 20 kilometer per hour speed limit. I checked ours and put my microphone down and that's when a barrage of gunfire just came over. It was instantaneous, just like someone had planned it."

In a witness statement First Sgt. John Bagby stated, "I heard and saw tracer rounds from the top of a roof, of what was later determined to be a police station," it read.

"They planned it, it had all the triggers of an ambush," Barron continued. "I was in the second vehicle, in the passenger side."

The second vehicle in the convoy was the vehicle that took all the hits. While the civilian vehicle up ahead of it, carrying many of the battalion's



Photo by Army Sgt. 1st Class Todd G. Oliver

**Three distinct bullet holes scare the windshield of a humvee that received fire during the early hours of Operation Peninsula Strike. Four soldiers assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne) were wounded as a result. The operation resulted in the capture of more than 50 Feydayeen members.**

scouts, escaped unharmed.

"My driver was shot immediately. He tried to drive through it but he was shot in the arm that he was driving with. Then two in the back, providing security, were also hit."

Both Bagby and Barron said they felt that the non-tactical vehicle in front of the Humvee was likely the target of the attack but, being the smallest vehicle in the convoy, it was missed, allowing the bullets to rip into Barron's vehicle.

"Up or down, left or right just four more inches and I could have been ten toes up," Barron said pointing at his vehicle's windshield, which clearly shows three bullet holes. "The Lord was watching over us."

"As our vehicle continued to roll, we pulled the other two victims in the back off. I took them and layed them down on the side of the road when the commander's vehicle pulled up. I told

them we needed their help and that we needed to get these two guys out of here. We put those two up on the vehicle and rolled down the road about 150 meters to the military police unit that was operating a traffic control point. That's where we conducted our medical assessment and medical treatment."

Fortunately medical help was quick in arriving.

"A special forces medic was there in seconds and the delivery of the medivac request was so fast," Barron said.

"Johnson was being treated for, initially, two gunshot wounds to the right shoulder. I was holding his left hand because I didn't want him to know what was going on. It was about five minutes before he realized how bad it was," he said.

All three soldiers who required further medical care are expected to make a full recovery.

## SPORTS



Photo by Staff Sgt. James Williams

## Kirkuk Ballers

Private 1st Class Lafayette Williams of the 173d Airborne Brigade glides through multiple defenders to drop in two during a basketball game at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, June 19. The gym annex provides many services such as basketball, weight lifting, and cardio equipment. It is open to all deployed members stationed at Kirkuk AB.

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament is scheduled for Saturday at 8 a.m. at the base fitness center. Sign up at the fitness center.

## Sky Soldiers defeat Mediterranean Sea, 2-1

By Pfc. Brandon R. Aird  
173rd Airborne Brigade  
Public Affairs

The 173rd Airborne Brigade's soccer team, Sky Soldiers, stopped the aggressive offense of the Turkomen Mediterranean Sea soccer team in the final minutes of the game to give the Sky Soldiers a 2-1 victory in Kirkuk, Iraq, June 13.

The game started with Col. Bill Mayville, 173rd commander winning the coin toss for the Sky Soldiers in front of a crowd of 3,000 (mostly Turkomen) who showed up to watch the game in spite of sweltering temperatures.

The first half was a defenders duel. At the end of the first half both teams were scoreless.

During the halftime a paratrooper in full battle gear jogged around the field with the Sky Soldiers flag causing quite a commotion. The paratrooper stopped and another one picked up the American Flag and started

jogging around the track that circled the soccer field.

A runner then emerged from the crowd with a Turkomen Flag and joined the paratrooper.

The crowd cheered as the Turkomen flag raced toward the American Flag. The Turkomen caught up to the paratrooper and started to pass him, but the paratrooper held his ground. The race was on.

Then another paratrooper emerged from the crowd, got the American flag from his counterpart, and raced toward the Turkomen flag. Then an adolescent emerged from the crowd with an Iraq flag and raced side by side with the paratrooper.

All three flags caught up with each other. When they stopped, they all traded their flags. For the first time since Saddam Hussein came into power, an Iraqi flag, an American flag and a Turkomen flag flew side by side.

The second half started off with Sky Soldiers scor-

ing the first goal of the game. Sky Soldiers striker, Damel Fall, head-butted the ball above the head of Abut Halik, Mediterranean Sea goalie. The Americans,

out numbered 15-1 in the crowd, could be heard cheering over the Turkomen crowd's discontent.

A few minutes later Sky Soldiers struck again with Albert Padilla scoring a goal with a light kick with the side of his left foot that sent the ball bouncing into the goal giving the Sky Soldiers a 2-0 lead.

After the Sky Soldiers scored their second goal the Turkomen crowd started leaving the stadium early in anticipation of defeat.

But the game wasn't over yet; the Mediterranean Sea got a chance to avoid the



Photo by Pfc. Brandon R. Aird

**A Sky Soldier runs in full battle rattle trying to catch up to the Turkomen Flag during halftime.**

Sky Soldiers' defense with a penalty kick. Abdul Vahid took the free kick and scored the Mediterranean Sea's first and last goal with a blast to the upper right corner making the score 2-1.

The Sky Soldiers' defense controlled the last 10 minutes of the game denying the Mediterranean Sea offense a chance to score another goal.

The sound of the referee's whistle marked the end of the game, and the first victory for the Sky Soldiers against an Iraq team. The win brings the Sky Soldiers' team record in Iraq to 1-1.



## Guidelines and Rules

- Modest civilian clothes are permitted in tent city area, dining hall, and BX; work out clothes are permitted on the running track.
- Smoking is permitted 25' away from all tents. Always dispose of butts

in butt cans located between tent blocks.

- AFI 36-2903 is still in effect here. Remember that female's bangs cannot touch their eyebrows and male's mustaches cannot extend beyond the edge of the opening of the mouth.

- Quiet hours are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- No hot plates, candles, incense, or irons permitted in tents
- Kirkuk Air Base is a no salute base. However, be mindful of all other customs and courtesies.
- Do not keep any type of pets.

## Commonly used phone numbers

Public Affairs	460-0131
Fire Department	460-0030
Command Post	460-0077
OSI	460-0800
CC Support Section	460-0099
CE Cust. Service	460-0021
Command Chief	460-0052
PERSCO	460-0122
First Sergeant	460-0016
COMM Help Desk	460-0000
EOD	460-0903
Safety	460-0090
Chaplain	460-0130
EMEDS	460-0040
Legal	460-0117
Finance	460-0866
Supply	460-0039
Lodging	460-0123
ATOC	460-0038
BDOC	460-0960

## Warrior of the Week

**Staff Sgt. Benny Sheffield**  
**506th Expeditionary Aircraft**  
**Maintenance Squadron**  
**Homestation:** Whiteman AFB, Mo.  
**Days in AOR:** 67

**Family:** Wife, Tammy; Daughters, Crystal, Renee

**Hobbies:** Spending time with my family and bowling.

**Goals:** Do what I can to make personnel issues better for those in my unit.

**How do you contribute to the mission of the 506th AEG?** I operate the unit's orderly room, am the unit postal clerk, and I edit and pub-



lish a weekly squadron newsletter.

**What is your favorite aspect of this deployment?** The challenge of being deployed to two bare bases within a very short time.

## What's Your Sign?

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)** Someone you know will drone on and on about their priorities this, their requirements that. Just pretend to have a vibrating pager in your pocket and quickly run away.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Today is a good day for planning a new direction. Maybe the ATOC folks won't check for redeployment orders. Simply show up with a bunch of bags and jump on the next flight anywhere.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)** You want to avoid or escape from a problem that crops up suddenly, though it would be better to deal with

it, you leave it for the night shift.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)** Unable to make a single decision, you tend to measure your worth by the number of meetings you attend throughout the day.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22)** You will throw caution to the wind by ignoring warnings and brush your teeth with "tap" water. While "hand washing" your skivvies you will know ... never do that again.

**Virgo (August 23 - Sept. 22)** You will finally get the attention you crave by organizing a group of protesters to block the Army chow tent, holding crudely-lettered signs saying "NO MORE ALPO!"

**Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)** You are the most feared person in your unit; Combined with your extreme organizational traits, most rumors concerning you say that you are completely insane ... or that you are officer material.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Be sure to pay a compliment to someone. If you can't think of anything to say, tell Sagittarius he did a good job on those toenails.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** You've spent too much time with the same love interest. Today may be a good day to move to a different tent.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)** After finding out your replacement is coming soon, you are unable to

return any calls today because you have to get a haircut, have lunch, work on your tan and check your e-mail.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 18)** Today you will invent a new type of MRE for the country or home-style food lover. Consequently, "Mountain Oysters in a Pouch" replaces the "Country Captain Chicken" as the most readily available.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** We know you are impulsive but now is NOT the time to race up and down the taxiway on a "Gator" while wearing a Pizza Hut table cloth on your head and wearing a white sheet. (Contributed by a member of the 506th AEG.)